

# MCCW

## Military Council of Catholic Women

Fort Hood's Military Council of Catholic Women is dedicated to bringing women of the military closer to the Church and Christ. Our time is devoted to prayer, fellowship, bible studies and ministering to the needs of the Fort Hood Chapel Community. All women are invited to join us as we build each other up in the Body of Christ. MCCW is designed to open our hearts and minds so that we can more fully bring God into our lives, our families and our community. We provide an opportunity for women to unite in prayer, to learn, share and grow together in their knowledge and love of God, the Catholic faith and the Church.

Newsletter

February 2006

### Winter 2006 Schedule

- 22 Feb The Gospel of John—Chapter 2
- 1 March The Gospel of John—Chapter 3/Ash Wednesday
- 8 March "In His Light"—Lenten Retreat (9am-1:45pm)
- 8 March Birthday Party at Bell Haven Nursing Home
- 15 March No Meeting—Spring Break for KISD
- 22 March The Gospel of John—Chapter 4
- 29 March The Gospel of John—Chapter 5

We have begun our Bible study **"Come and See Catholic Bible Study: The Gospel of John"** by Fr. Joseph Ponessa, S.S.D. and Laurie Manhardt, PhD.

However, it is never too late to join in.

The study has an easy to read, workbook style format.

This is a truly Catholic Bible study.

It will build your faith, increase your understanding, and draw you closer to He who said "I am the way, the truth and the life" (John 14:6).

COME AND SEE

Wednesdays from 9:30 — 11:30 am at Comanche Chapel.

Free on-site childcare is provided.

MCCW meets at night too!

Contact Tracy Bailey at 526-5460 or [thailey67@aol.com](mailto:thailey67@aol.com) for more information.

### Member Spotlight

— Karen Patton —

Birthday — 24 February

Husband — Dave

Anniversary — 19 December 1992

Children — Katie, Missy, DJ and Janie

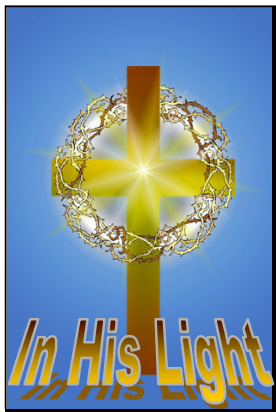
Favorite Movie — "Sound of Music"

Favorite Author — Jan Karon and The Mitford Series

"I want to LIVE in Mitford!"

Close Second — J.K. Rowling and Harry Potter

Karen was born in Dallas and lived most of her childhood in Richardson, Texas. Karen and her future husband attended the same church from about 1976. They also went to the same high school and college (Texas A&M University... Whoop!) Karen is a high school math teacher and Creative Memories Consultant by trade, although she is mostly a stay-at-home mom and professional volunteer at the moment. She loves to ski and read. Fort Hood is probably her favorite duty station because it is so close to home. Some other places they have lived are Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; Korea; Fort Carson, Colorado; Fort Irwin, California; and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Dave, a combat engineer, is currently in Iraq as the S-3 for the 1BCT STB.



MCCW Presents

"In His Light"... A Lenten Retreat

8 March 2006 from 9:00 am until 1:45 pm

Comanche Chapel — Fort Hood, Texas

On-site childcare is provided.

(Each child needs a sack lunch provided from home.)

Speakers:

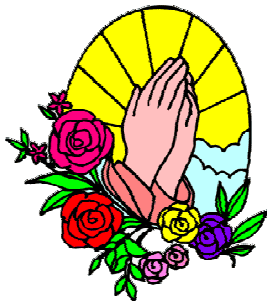
Beverly Collin of Cedarbrake Renewal Center

"Preparing for Lent In His Light"

Greg and Julie Alexander of The Alexander House Apostolate

"Growing in Marriage while Physically Separated"

A light breakfast and lunch will be provided.



Contact Shoshana Nisbet to add your prayer requests to the MCCW Prayer Chain or to be added to the list of "prayer warriors." E-mail her at [MCCWPrays@aol.com](mailto:MCCWPrays@aol.com) or call 634-6678.

Direct comments and ideas for the MCCW Newsletter to Karen Patton, [kpattncm@yahoo.com](mailto:kpattncm@yahoo.com) or 213-1654.

### Father Corapi comes to Central Texas!

7 April 2006 from 7-8 pm and  
8 April 2006 from 9am-4pm

Christ the Good Shepard  
Chapel  
600 South Coulter Drive  
Bryan, Texas 77802

Registration - \$25.00 per person  
(includes lunch)

For more information,  
please call  
St. Joseph Catholic Church at  
979-822-2721 or log on to

My Lord Jesus Christ,  
you see my heart and  
you know my desire.  
You alone must have me,  
because I am all yours...  
Make me worthy of  
winning out over the devil.  
—Saint Agatha

## Women Saints

### —Saint Brigid of Ireland—February 1st

A few years after St. Patrick arrived in Ireland, a little girl named Brigid was born. As Brigid grew up, she deepened her love for Jesus. She looked for him in the poor and often brought food and clothing to them. It has been said that one day she gave away a whole pail of milk. Then she began to worry about what her mother would say. She prayed to the Lord to make up for what she had given away. When she got home, her pail was full again. Brigid was very pretty and her father thought that it was time for her to marry. However, she had decided in her heart to give herself entirely to God. When she learned that her beauty was the reason young men were attracted to her, she made an unusual request to God. She asked that her beauty be taken from her. God granted her request. Seeing that his daughter was no longer pretty, Brigid's father gladly agreed when she asked to become a nun. The girl did follow her call to religious life.

She even started a convent so that other young women could become nuns, too. It seems that after she consecrated her life to God in the convent, a miracle happened. Brigid became beautiful again!

She reminded people of the Blessed Mother because she was so lovely and gentle.

Some called her the "Mary of the Irish." St. Brigid died in 525.

*This saint wanted to give herself entirely to God.*

*Is there an area in your life that you are keeping from God? What would it be like if you gave it to him?*

### —Our Lady of Lourdes—February 11th—

### —Saint Bernadette —February 18th—

Bernadette Soubirous was born on January 7, 1844 in Lourdes, France. Her family was so poor they lived in a cellar that had once been a jail. Bernadette was a sickly girl. Even when she was fourteen, Bernadette could not read or write. She could never remember her catechism lessons, but she was a good girl and loved God very much. Although her memory was poor, Bernadette kept trying hard to learn all she could about God. She was pure and obedient, too. On Thursday, February 11, 1859, Bernadette was sent with her younger sister and a friend to gather firewood. A beautiful lady appeared to her above a rosebush in the grotto of Massabielle. The lady wore a white dress with a blue sash and a white veil covered her head and fell over her shoulders to the ground. On her feet were two lovely golden roses. Her hands were joined and an ivory and gold rosary hung from her right arm. She smiled at Bernadette and made the sign of the cross with the rosary. The lovely lady encouraged Bernadette to say the Rosary and Bernadette fell to her knees. She took out her own rosary and began to pray. The beautiful lady appeared eighteen times to St. Bernadette, asking her to tell the people to pray, to do penance and to recite the Rosary for sinners.

The Lady also told her to have a chapel built there in her honor. During the last apparition, Bernadette asked the beautiful lady who she was, and the lady replied, "I am the Immaculate Conception." She was Mary, the Mother of God. Many people did not believe Bernadette when she spoke of her vision. She had to suffer very much. But one day, Our Lady told Bernadette to dig in the mud. As she did, a spring of water began to flow. The next day it continued to grow larger and larger. Many miracles happened when people began to use this water. When Bernadette was older, she became a sister. She was always very humble.

More than anything else, she desired not to be praised. She did not want to receive special treatment because she had seen the Blessed Virgin. Although her own health was poor, she helped care for the sick and elderly sisters. She died in 1879 at the age of thirty-six. Her last words were: "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for me, a poor sinner." She was proclaimed a saint by Pope Pius XI on December 8, 1933. A large church, called a basilica, was built where Bernadette saw Our Lady. Although the apparitions took place over a hundred years ago, miracles still happen there. Many people are cured of sicknesses. Crippled people walk, blind people see, and lonely, broken people find hope again. There, where she once appeared to St. Bernadette, Our Lady still shows her love for us.

*Let us pray for conversion of hearts and minds so that many people will come to know and love God.*

### — Catholics on the WEB —

Check out the following websites...

[www.prolifesearch.com](http://www.prolifesearch.com)

[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

[www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie)

[www.fightpp.org](http://www.fightpp.org)

### The Presence of God

For a few moments, I think of God's veiled presence in things:  
in the elements, giving them existence;  
in plants, giving them life; in animals, giving them sensation;  
and finally, in me, giving me all this and more,  
making me a temple, a dwelling-place of the Spirit.